

LITTLE SEASON'S GAYETY BIDS FAIR TO OUTDO MIDWINTER'S

Receptions to Venezuelan
Mission Vie With Those to
Leaders in Local Circles

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WASHINGTON society is as gay and absorbed as in midwinter, though May is a week old. Each day is crowded with balls, receptions big and little, dinners, luncheons, teas and every form of entertainment imaginable. Foreign notables—the minister of foreign affairs of Venezuela, Dr. Esteban Gil-Borges and the other members of the Venezuelan Special Mission—were here all week, too, and were the center of some sort of big entertainment every evening and nearly every afternoon. Dr. Gil-Borges, in fact, and the Secretary of State and Mrs. Charles E. Hughes, and the Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge ran a neck-to-neck race—it would be difficult to say which of the three groups were entertained most during the past seven days.

Perhaps THE entertainment of the week was the reception and ball which the Speaker of the House of Representatives and Mrs. Frederick Gillett gave for the President of the Senate—the Vice President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge. The Diplomatic Corps was there almost intact and practically all the officials, many army and navy officers, including the much admired General Pershing—usually spoken of just as "The General," and the cream of Washington residential society.

Old Dominion
To CelebrateTribute to Patrick Henry
And Founding of City
On July 4.

Fred Emerson Brooks, California's greatest poet-humorist, the poet laureate of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, is coming to Virginia on the Fourth of July to assist in the founding of the new city of Norvirso in the Old Dominion, and to take part in a pilgrimage to be made to the neglected grave of Patrick Henry, whose immortal words, "Give me liberty or give me death," set the colonies aflame and hastened the day of the Declaration of Independence. Brooks will also give readings in Washington.

The best band in Virginia will lead the procession to this sacred spot. Representatives of both the Sons and the Daughters of the American Revolution will take part in the ceremonies. Many prominent people are expected from various parts of the country. Mr. Brooks will come from New York, and Mr. Brooks will write an ode to Patrick Henry, and after reading it he will present the original manuscript to Mrs. William Wirt Henry, Henry's granddaughter-in-law, who is 90 years of age. The poet will be introduced by the Hon. Carter Glass, United States Senator from Virginia. Mr. Brooks will have a brand-new poem on Virginia.

A concert singer from New York City, Patricia Ryan, will sing: "I Was Born in Virginia; That's the State That Will Win You Freedom." It is hoped that Gov. Davis will be able to attend and deliver the address of welcome. Dr. Clarence J. Owens, of Washington, D. C., director general of the Southern Commercial Congress, will give an address, giving his stamp of approval to the founding of Norvirso.

There will be an old time Virginia barbecue, and a platform will be erected on which all may join in the old Virginia reel.

Then will begin the pilgrimage to the old plantation and last resting place of Patrick Henry. The train will carry the pilgrims from Norvirso, which will have been formally founded with due ceremony, to Henry, the plantation station only twenty-five miles from Norvirso. It has been proposed that on this occasion a new order be formed, to be called "Sons of the Old Dominion," beginning its roster with a memorial list of the great dead of the State, with George Washington heading the list, the roster to be made up of families of long-fellowship and closing with Longfellow's significant lines: "Lives of great men should remind us

And we can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave on each tombstone
Footprints of the sands of time."

Framed copies on parchment will hang on the walls of the various chapters to be formed throughout the United States, wherever Virginia's sons may dwell.

Thus will be completed the formal founding of a new settlement in Virginia 314 years after the first permanent white settlement was made in the United States not so very far from this place on the historic James River. Just a little east of Jamestown lies Yorktown, where Cornwallis' surrender in October, 1781, gave us our independence and caused the old bell-ringer in Philadelphia to die of joy in proclaiming the news.

This section is bristling with historic interest. Romantic Richmond, the home of so many great souls, the capital of the Confederacy, is only sixty-seven miles from Norvirso, while Appomattox Courthouse, which witnessed the last scene of the war between the States, is only twenty-five miles distant.

FORMER KENTUCKY GIRL IS ATTRACTIVE MATRON HERE



One of the most attractive young matrons in Washington society. She was formerly Miss Cornelia L. Semple, of Louisville, Ky.

last Sunday at their suburban home, "Friendship." For years the McLeans have given luncheon parties on Sundays during the spring season at "Friendship" and they are always smart and jolly parties. Mr. and Mrs. John McLean used to do that, too.

Mrs. Gist Blair gave a large luncheon at "Grasslands," the elite country club adjoining the McLean property. That was on Friday.

Several days earlier Col. and Mrs. Robert M. Thompson Pan Am invited the cream of society for a musical, when Mrs. Lucretia Bori, of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and Alberto Salvi, harpist, gave a joint recital. It was a real musical treat and particularly enjoyed now that the concert season here has come to a close.

DR. GIL-BORGES AND PARTY
WERE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

DR. GIL-BORGES and his Venezuelan mission departed Friday after a strenuous visit of several weeks here. They never were received by the President, either. But they certainly were royally entertained. The Minister of Ecuador gave a dinner for them Monday, and on Wednesday Mrs. Pezet gave them a beautifully appointed dinner at the Pan Am Building, and on Tuesday Dr. Gil-Borges himself was hosted at a charming dinner party.

The Pezet function was quite unusual in extremely elaborate decorations and also in the fact that the table was laid in the beautiful patio around the fountain, a real work of art by Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney. The octagonal table—the patio is octagonal, too—was shaded by tropical plants, palms and trailing vines which grow there, and made a most picturesque setting. Colored lights gleamed through the foliage, which extended to the glass roof overhead, and parakeets, with their gay red plumage were perched high above the diners, giving an added note of color. Colored lights were reflected in the basin of the fountain, which was edged with ferns and the table itself was massed with pink roses, arranged both in tall vases and in long plaques.

Thursday—it just poured, too, wasn't it a shame—the entire Venezuelan mission went down to Mount Vernon aboard the Presidential Yacht Mayflower. Secretary of the Navy Edwin Denby acting as host, and most of the children, too, for

that matter, were in the party, and the mission was anxious to pay homage to our first President by visiting his tomb. And Dr. Gil-Borges placed a wreath upon it. No foreign notable ever comes to Washington without going through that little ceremony, but the Venezuelans were particularly enthusiastic about it. They had been there once unofficially in a hydroplane, Walter Penfield, who is special counsel for Venezuela at Washington, being the host. They flew over Mount Vernon, and Dr. Gil-Borges sprinkled flowers over it—only Mr. Penfield says, they learned afterwards the flowers fell about eight miles from Mount Vernon, because of the air currents, don't you know. Tea was served on board the airship, and it was altogether "some party."

Dr. Gil-Borges' program in this country includes the placing of wreaths on a number of tombs of former Presidents. He is planning particularly to visit the tomb of Grover Cleveland at Princeton, as Venezuela has a warm spot in her heart for the man who backed her up in 1892 in the disagreement with Great Britain. Theodore Roosevelt championed some cause of that little republic to the south of us, too, so the grateful Venezuelans want his grave decorated also, so while in New York Dr. Gil-Borges will go to Oyster Bay for this purpose.

After most of the mission sails, he and Harry Chapin Flannery will visit most of the large cities in the East and Middle West, and won't depart from the United States until some time in June.

It is too bad the mission had such good weather for the greater part of their visit, for Washington is usually so beautiful in May, and the last fortnight has been so gloomy and rainy. Their trip to Mount Vernon aboard the yacht would have been such a perfect party at this season ordinarily, whereas it just rained hard all day long. It did that practically all day every day last week, for that matter.

WHEN THE WEATHER
"WHEEDS" UP.

WITH such a warm March and April, people took it for granted May would be warm and lovely, so all sorts of garden fetes, public and private, were planned, and roof garden balls and polo tournaments and outdoor plays were all the program. But the weather has mused the social calendar all up. May came in cold and damp and rainy like late March

or early April and upset many of the plans for music and merry-making. Game after game of the polo tournament had to be postponed. Roof garden parties had to be given indoors, garden fetes have been abandoned or given inside, and many have been disappointed all around—not to mention the fact that the ladies have had to resist wearing their new spring clothes.

Mrs. Harding drove out to Mount Alto Hospital in the rain of Wednesday afternoon to attend what was to have been a garden fete but was a tea, given by the George Baldwin Unit of the American Women's Legion. Mrs. Harding and her secretary, Miss Laura Harlan, "teased" and then visited the boys confined to their chairs or beds in the various wards, and thoroughly inspected their work and made some purchases. Mrs. Harding never fails to go anywhere or do anything that might in some way, directly or indirectly, aid the men who suffered through service in the world war. Frequently she takes in person flowers from the White House conservatories out to Walter Reed Hospital and distributes them to wear sheer summer frocks.

EVERYBODY GETTING READY
FOR HORSE SHOW WEEK.

PROMINENT folk from other cities are already drifting into town for the National Capital Horse Show. Elaborate plans are being made and all of the boxes have been sold and most of the boxholders have already arranged their box parties. The show will open on Thursday and everyone is hoping to wear sheer summer frocks.

Then again fairs are much worn. One can never be sure what the weather will be at this time of the year in Washington.

"Horse show week" this year extends over the greater part of two weeks, for, quite contrary to custom, the show opens on Thursday and lasts until the middle of the next week. It generally begins on Tuesday and closes on Saturday, but it seems to be quite the thing now to have such things on Sundays, so the show will run over the week-end this time, and I think it is quite a good idea, for it will enable many to attend who otherwise are not able to get off in the afternoon or go over there.

The Remount Association is staging a show this afternoon across

the river at Arlington at the horse show grounds, think that will be much better than at the polo field, for those not having motors can sit on the stand and see what is going on. And one can ride right to the entrance on the street cars, whereas at Potomac Park one had to walk so far to get there, if one did not have a motor, and stand when it did reach the place. Then only a few of the motors were able to get close enough for the occupants to see what was going on. The show today gives promise of being splendid and there is no admission charge either.

The circus is coming tomorrow, so we are hoping again for clear weather. Next Monday and Tuesday there will be another circus, too, so again it is necessary to have clear weather.

And then there is a garden party coming on Tuesday, when the American Legion Post of the National Press Club will entertain in compliment to the Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge at the Marine Barracks. That is going to be an interesting program and dancing. The diplomats of the republics forming the Pan American Union will stage the very beautiful ball at the Pan American Union Building, the loveliest place ever, in compliment to President and Mrs. Harding, and a warm, clear evening will add much to the pleasure of the guests, for then they can roam into the lovely Aztec gardens.

President and Mrs. Harding spent last week very much as they have passed most of them since they have been in the White House. They spent most of the time receiving people. They shake hands with the members of practically every club or convention that comes to town, and almost anyone else who asks for an audience. They also invite their friends and people they want for a cup of tea. Occasionally they themselves slip away for dinner with some of their intimate friends and take in a show once a week at least. Monday evening last they attended the performance at Poli Theater given for the benefit of the Georgetown University Hospital, having in their party the President's secretary, George Christian, and his wife, and E. Mont Relly, the new governor of Porto Rico. On that evening Mrs. Harding divided her time and attention between the act to some soldiers from Walter Reed Hospital, who occupied an adjoining box. They seemed so pleased to receive the attentions of the

Lovely Gowns and Jewels
Make Week Memorable
One in Capital City's Annals

First Lady of the Land. She was the honor guest at the rally of the Girl Scouts yesterday at Continental Hotel, when she was presented with a "tenderfoot" pin. Gen. Pershing gave prizes to the girls.

LITTLE THEATER
GROWS POPULAR.

WASHINGTON'S Little Theater, a new venture here, is growing rapidly in popularity, and a number of smart theater parties were given there last week. The plays are planned with children in mind, but they are all also of interest to grown people. Now that the public has discovered that there is a Little Theater here and have located it at 1742 Church street, there is a demand that the performance be given every evening so from now on the theater will be open every evening except Sunday.

A number of rich society women have been meeting lately and laying plans for a woman's national civic foundation, and now that organization has just purchased the huge Dean estate in the heart of the residential section of the city, Connecticut avenue across from California street and at the beginning of Columbia road, don't you know. It comprises some nine and a half acres, mind you, and there is a fine old mansion on it and many wonderful ancient trees. The plans include a large clubhouse with spaces for offices to be used by women's organizations having headquarters in Washington. There will be committee rooms, a ballroom, restaurants and a theater, a rest room, gymnasium and swimming pool, writing rooms, drawing rooms and an auditorium, where public questions may be discussed and large meetings held. There will be a sylvan theater in the grounds, too, everything imaginable, in short. It will all be done on so large a scale that it can accommodate the social and educational as well as the business interests of the women of the country—not just Washington, you understand. The projectors are all smart society women with plenty of means. The foundation will immediately take possession of the property and the work will be done on the sylvan theater, for which a natural wooded dell is well adapted. A garden party is being planned for this month in order to introduce the public to the new center of interest to women.

The summer address this year for a large number of Washingtonians will be "somewhere in Europe," and this change of address is beginning already, as the vanguard has begun to blaze the way for a new summer playground for society.

Mrs. Never before has there been such a large quota of Washington people taking the trip at one season and the character of the travelers will be more or less changed. No longer will it mean that middle-aged couples with their families will predominate among the visitors to the old world, but groups of girls, properly chaperoned, of course, will be among the tourists. It will be a common experience for Washingtonians to meet in Paris or in Rome. The lure of Europe has been made stronger by the war and the closer feeling of acquaintanceship and knowledge of Europe and Europeans. Some Washingtonians intend to rent cottages and become summer residents in towns of Southern France or Switzerland. Others have no stated place of residence, but are spending their winter in travel. Every day the list of these sojourners in Europe grows in number and will continue to increase, of course, for the next two or three months.

I hear that Mrs. Fred Britten, wife of Representative Britten, bearing the protest of hundreds against the retention of colored troops in Germany, is going to deliver a speech at the National Press Club, which she intends to deliver to Marshal Foch, has reached Paris. In that connection, here is an article I read recently in one of the newspapers. It is quite unequivocal. Mrs. Foch's going over has interested me very much, but I can't quite understand why she was selected for the errand and just who sent her, and so forth. The article reads:

"PARIS, April 27.—At Marshal Foch's headquarters it was said that the news of Mrs. Britten's intention to deliver a protest against the retention of African troops in Germany, conveyed by the correspondent, was the first intimation received that such a move was contemplated. Marshal Foch was too busy with the May 1 occupation plans to receive the correspondent, but his aide said the marshal would have no objection to receiving Mrs. Britten, although a reply to her protest already had been made.

"It seems that Gen. Allen (commander of the American forces of occupation) has fully replied to Mrs. Britten's protest, the aid said. This report is quite unequivocal. There are no black troops in the occupied zone at the present time, having been removed long since."

"The aid added that Marshal Foch would not stand at the question whether he was qualified to receive the protest, or whether it should be delivered to the minister of war or the council of ambassadors, but would be glad to meet Mrs. Britten in order to dispel any misgivings which she might have."

William Jennings Bryan is about to hang out his shingle in Washington as a "counsel at international law." So the Bryans, I suppose, will soon be figuring in Washington society once more. He has formed an association with Charles A. Douglas and H. H. Ober, District of Columbia lawyers. Mr. Bryan's name is not to figure in the name of the firm, but will adorn the doorplate in the Southern Building and the firm stationery. Mr. Douglas was the representative of the Carranza government here. All three of Woodrow Wilson's Secretaries of State—Bryan, Lansing and Cooley—as well

as Mr. Wilson himself, presently will be engaged in international law practice in Washington.

I hear from abroad that Countess Szechenyi, formerly Miss Gladys Vangerbilt, has left Vienna for Paris and is coming on to New York, traveling with Mrs. Marcus Daly and her daughter, Countess Sigray, who intend to spend the summer in France.

Countess Sigray's husband is the governor of West Hungary, who took a prominent part in the recent adventurous journey of former Emperor Charles. Count Sigray is known as one of the former Emperor's devoted followers.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Gibson, I'm told, are planning to summer in Newport. Mrs. Gibson, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Benjamin of New York, and a granddaughter of the late H. H. Rogers of Standard Oil fame, sailed Saturday a week ago for Europe with her two children by a former marriage, Cynthia Anne Pratt and Alexander Dallas Bache Pratt, to visit her parents, who have been abroad for some time. This bears out the report that a reconciliation has been effected between the former Mrs. Alexander Bache Pratt and her parents, from whom she became estranged at the time of her elopement with and marriage in Greenwich, Conn., October 17, 1919, to Preston Gibson, playwright and soldier.

Before the marriage in Greenwich the stories of a romance had been discounted by her parents and when the reports became persistent that Preston Gibson and Beatrice Benjamin Pratt were to be married, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin publicly opposed it. But they married, anyhow, and then came suits in court and counter suits concerning her property.

Former Gov. Charles S. Whitman represented Mrs. Gibson in these actions. Preston Gibson has been in the public eye for many years because of his versatility. He was an athlete at Yale, has been in Rome, plays and has served as a reporter on Chicago and Washington newspapers. He is a son of the late Senator Randall Lee Gibson of Louisiana and is a nephew of Chief Justice White of the United States Supreme Court.

Mrs. Delos Blodgett is losing both of her daughters this spring. Helen was married right after Easter, and now Mona's engagement was announced last evening at a dinner of some thirty covers, which Mrs. Blodgett gave at her sixteenth street residence. The lucky man is Capt. David Pierre Gaillard, who lives at 2220 California street with his mother, Mrs. D. du B. Gaillard. He was one of the attendants at Helen's marriage. Mona is the last

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Nurses' Ball
Next FridayGraduating Classes to Be
Feted at New Willard.

A commencement ball will be given by the League of Nursing Education of the District of Columbia next Friday evening at the New Willard for the graduating classes of the registered schools of nursing in Washington. The schools to be represented, with number of nurses in graduating class, include:

Children's Hospital, nine nurses; Columbia Hospital, sixteen nurses; Emergency Hospital, fourteen nurses; Garfield Hospital, thirteen nurses; George Washington University Hospital, thirteen nurses; Georgetown University Hospital, eleven nurses; Homeopathic Hospital, five nurses; Providence Hospital, twenty-seven nurses; Walter Reed General Hospital, 410 nurses; and Washington Asylum Hospital, four nurses.

The guests invited include President and Mrs. Harding, Vice President and Mrs. Coolidge, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, Gen. Pershing, Gen. March, Gen. J. J. Lejeune, and the commanding officers and officers from the following military organizations: War Department (office of the Surgeon General of the army and office of the Surgeon General of the navy), Camp Meade, Camp Humphreys, Fort Detrick, Camp Hospital, Bolling Field, Army Medical School, Naval Medical School, attending surgeons of office, Quantico, and Fort Howard; also the doctors of the different hospitals, board ladies of the different hospitals and their husbands, Mrs. Cuno Rudolph, Mrs. Merritt Ireland, Miss Mabel Boardman, Mrs. Theodore Boynton, Mrs. Thomas Bradley, Mrs. Frederick Brooks, Mrs. Watson B. Clarke, Mrs. Fraser Head, Mrs. Isaac Gans, Mrs. L. S. Higbee, Mrs. R. J. Holden, Mrs. H. B. Houghton, Mrs. Reginald Hudekoper, Mrs. Howard Hume, Mrs. Walter Hutchins, Mrs. William Keller, Mrs. Thomas J. Kelly, Jr., Mrs. David Meade Lee, Mrs. H. B. Learned, Mrs. John A. Logan, Mrs. C. C. Marbury, Mrs. Ridley McLean, Mrs. George McLaughlin, Mrs. James Dudley Morgan, Mrs. E. W. Patterson, Mrs. Henry Rice, Mrs. J. J. Rogers, Mrs. Lloyd Smith, Mrs. Leonard Stejneger, Maj. Julia Stimson, A. N. C. Mrs. Walter McK. Stowell, Mrs. B. H. Swales, Mrs. Thomas Bell Sweeney, Mrs. Webster True, Mrs. Mary Logan Tucker, Mrs. James Wadsworth, and Mrs. Clarence W.